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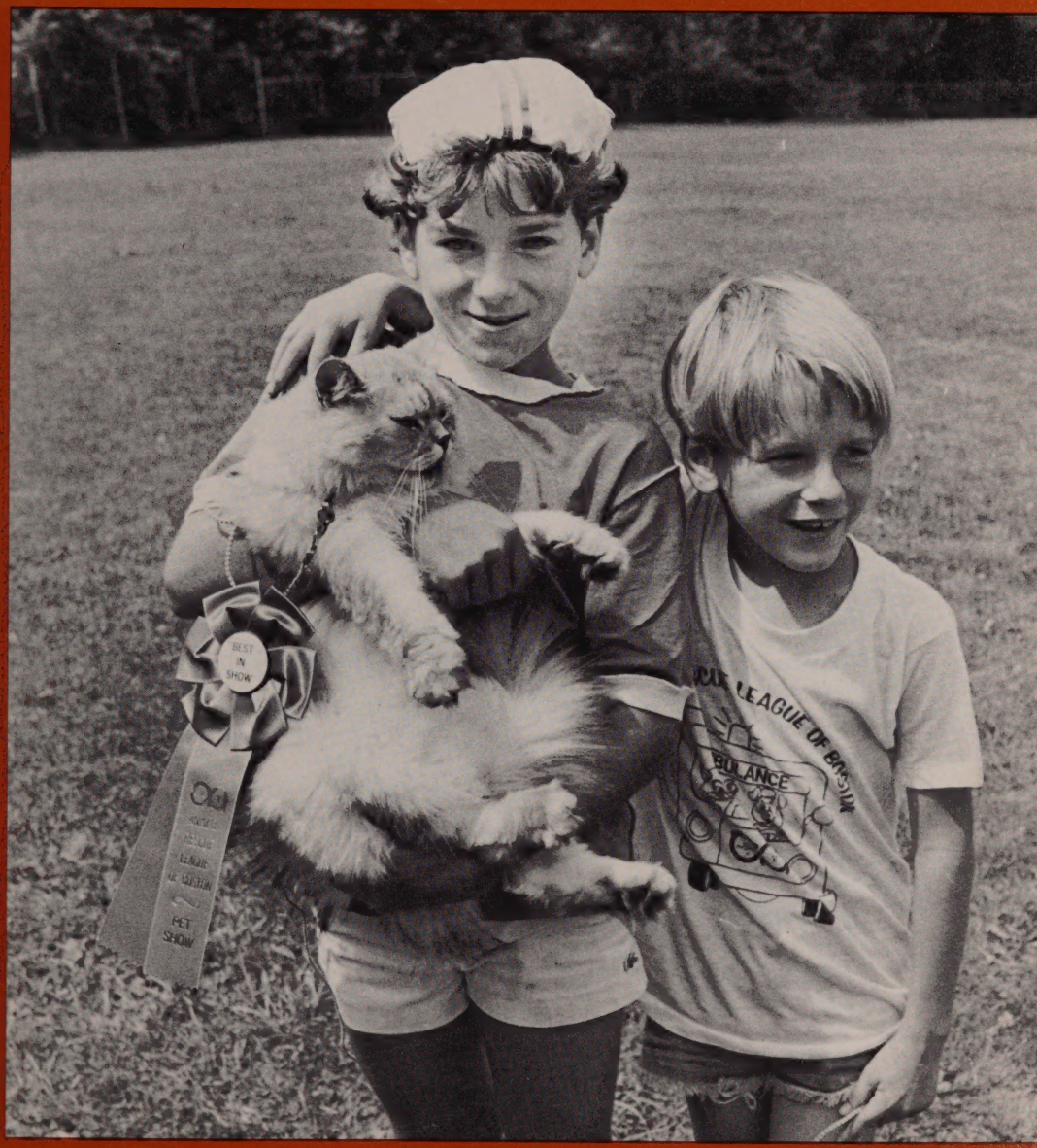

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Lu and Nick Yoder of Brookline with "Nicholas Moto-Cat", winner of Best of Show award at the League's Annual Pet Show. [*See pages 8 & 9*]

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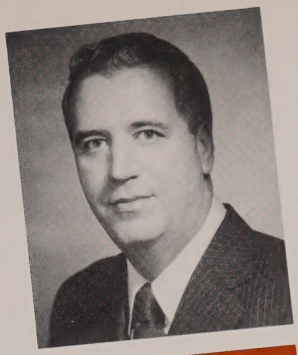


from the president's desk...

HUMANE CONCERNS; A WORLDWIDE EFFORT

I was delighted to have the pleasure of attending the first Biennial Meeting of the World Society for the Protection of Animals (W.S.P.A.) which was held this past May in London.

As reported in the most recent issue of W.S.P.A.'s Animals International, over 150 delegates attended the meetings from at least 21 countries indicating the worldwide distribution and support of W.S.P.A.'s member organizations.

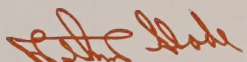
This new organization was formed in January, 1981 when the International Society for the Protection of Animals (I.S.P.A.) and the World Federation for the Protection of Animals (W.F.P.A.) merged to form the World Society. It is an effective organization to provide prompt action to combat the varied and wide-spread abuses to animals internationally.

Expansion of world concerns is a central theme of the World Society and already evident by the establishment of two new offices in Canada and Costa Rica.

The three Regional Directors, Dr. Carl Frucht, John Walsh, and Colin Platt gave detailed reports of problems and activities in their respective regions. Highlighted was the transport of horses for slaughter between European states, the work being done by W.S.P.A.'s delegates for laboratory animals, and livestock reared under intensive husbandry systems.

I am especially impressed by the work being done by John Walsh, W.S.P.A. Regional Director for the Western Hemisphere with offices in Boston, who is making great strides and doing much to help animals throughout our part of the world. This is especially true south of the border where Gerardo Huertas of San Jose, Costa Rica has been appointed as W.S.P.A.'s first representative for Central America. Plans are in progress for the construction of a modest shelter and clinic in Costa Rica where such services are badly needed.

These are just a few of the reasons the League has maintained its interest in, and support of, the (International) World Society as a founding member. I trust our members and friends share with us the broad dimension of concern we have for the welfare of animals. You have made it possible for us to support this worldwide effort on behalf of all animals.



Arthur Slade
President

LEAGUE SERVES THE NORTH SHORE

with a personal touch...

Scrambled eggs? Clams on the half shell? Hamburger, medium rare? The service is as personalized as the care at the League's North Shore shelter in Salem, situated on wooded acres overlooking Highland Avenue.

The eggs were made to order for a Black Night Crowned Heron and the hamburger was made to tempt an American Kestrel - a small hawk - which will be turned over to the Trailside Museum as soon as it recuperates from a broken wing. The clams are a special treat for the heron and for Hermie, a baby seagull who is another temporary guest. Dogs and cats that have been given up for adoption make up the majority of the population at the Sheldon Branch in Salem, but the shelter has housed a wide variety of homeless animals, including raccoons, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits and parakeets.

Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Sunday, the Sheldon Branch provides service to all North Shore communities. "Our primary service is caring for animals that have been given up for adoption, since stray dogs must be turned over to the local dog officer," explains Mary Brasier, manager of the shelter since June, 1980. Equipped with a degree in animal science from Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute and three years of experience as a veterinary assistant, Ms. Brasier also worked for three years in the League's Boston headquarters before being appointed to her present position.

With the help of assistant manager Marie Giordano and kennel attendant Keith Albee, Mary is responsible for the health and well-being of anywhere from 30 to 40 animals on any given day. Dogs and cats are housed in spacious kennels, with 16 outdoor runs, including two runs specially equipped with tree branches for the climbing enjoyment of the cat population. In the reception area are two special display rooms, where very small kittens romp with toys or curl up in bright sleeping baskets. "The display window allows us to keep a close eye on the very small animals, and the playroom is great for socializing kittens at an early age," the manager explains.

Mary Brasier, manager of the Sheldon Branch, with some of her charges: a rabbit, a baby heron, kittens in their playroom and a dog ready to go home with his new owner.

Health care at the shelter is under the supervision of a North Shore veterinarian who conducts routine examinations and is always on call for emergencies. When an animal is brought in for adoption, the people giving it up are asked to fill out a questionnaire covering not only its health history but also its habits. Does it chew things? Is it accustomed to sleeping on the bed? "Questions like this help us become more familiar with the animals, and provide clues to whether the animal is suitable for adoption," according to Ms. Brasier. The pet then receives an initial health examination, and also inoculations to protect against distemper, parvovirus, and other diseases. The shelter is also equipped to do a number of laboratory test procedures, including checking stool samples for worms, and administering heartworm tests. Female animals that have not been neutered, are usually taken down to the League's Boston Clinic to be spayed before being put up for adoption.

The shelter also conducts cruelty and abuse investigations and Mary has just recently completed a training course at the Massachusetts State Police Academy in Framingham, and has been commissioned as a special police officer for cases involving cruelty to animals. The program covered security training, search and seizure techniques, arrest and court procedures, investigative techniques and other vital aspects of law enforcement. She has also taken a number of additional law enforcement courses at North Shore Community College and is currently receiving on-the-job training by going out on investigative calls teamed up with officers from League headquarters in Boston.

The North Shore Shelter has also been expanding its programs of community service with special programs at local schools, clubs and associations, and visits to area nursing homes, taking young animals along for the residents to touch and respond to. All of these activities are reflected in a rising adoption rate, with 825 animals placed in new homes during 1981. Numbers alone, however, don't convey the story of the Salem Shelter. It is names, not numbers, that stand out in the memory after a visit to this special place. There's Brownie, and Brandy, and Mike, and Hermie - all of the pets responding to their names, rather than being known by a number, in a place where the personal touch is practiced to perfection.

DON'T GET RATTLED

by snake sightings

In what was later described as a highly unusual "fluke" by Trailside Museum Director Ralph H. Lutts, League shelter manager Peter Faux was summoned twice in one week this summer to capture two rattlesnakes found in the parking lot of the Haemonetics Company on Rte. 128 in Braintree.

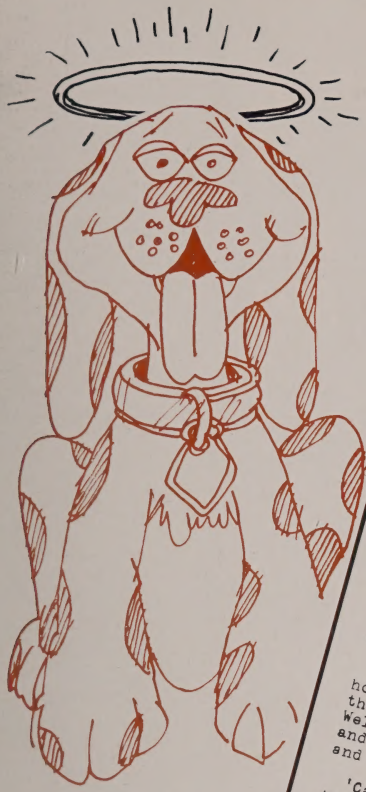
It began about 6 p.m. on July 6th, as maintenance man Bill Daley was raking near the chain link fence behind the parking lot. He heard a strange rattling sound and, upon investigation, discovered a five and one half foot rattlesnake with 17 rattles in its tail. Daley called the League which contacted Peter Faux at his home in Wollaston. Using a trap he devised out of a ski pole and a bent metal rod, he lured the rattler into a cage and turned it over to the Trailside Museum.

"I thought this was the end of it, but on Sunday, July 11, at about 11 a.m., I again received a call from Bill Daley saying that there was another rattlesnake at the same location," Peter Faux said. "There it was, right before our eyes, about two and one half feet long, catching some rays on the sidewalk," Daley reported. The second snake - this one with only seven rattle segments on its tail - was also quickly captured and delivered to the Trailside Museum.

Although there was some speculation that the appearance of the snakes might be due to construction in the area disturbing a den, wildlife expert Ralph Lutts emphasized that rattlers do not live in dens during the summer. "They travel alone in search of food," he explained. Rattlesnakes generally inhabit rocky places well away from humans. "Rattlesnakes are very slow," Peter Faux adds. "Although they're obviously poisonous, they tend to retreat when approached by a person."

Explaining that rattlesnakes are an endangered species with only 200-300 left in New England, Ralph Lutts cautioned people about being unduly frightened by the highly coincidental appearance of the two this summer. "I do not know of anyone, minding their own business, ever bitten in the Blue Hills," he stresses.

"Rattlers are very shy and do everything they can to stay away from people. They are much more interested in mice than men," Lutts concluded.



TRAVELS OF A TRAMP

Dear Diary...

A typical day. My owners put me out to go for a walk. "Don't go far", they always say. What a laugh. Just strolling along I can easily do four to five miles in an hour, and at a dog-trot I can do eight to ten. And when I'm really in a hurry---well!

First order of the day is to chase the Thompson's old cat up a tree. After all, he really does need the exercise.

Then it's off across the pasture to see if I can find a rabbit. No rabbits today, but the livestock at the McDonald ranch are always fun. Boy, you ought to hear those chickens squawk when I chase them! Close call today, though. McDonald took a couple of shots at me, and I think I caught some buckshot in my backside.

Next stop is the Baxter place to visit old Brownie. Poor old dog has been pretty sick the last couple of days. I sure hope I don't catch what he has. They say it's some new kind of virus called parvo.

All of this running around really gave me an appetite, so I hiked over to the Jensen place and knocked over their garbage can. What a feast! Maybe I shouldn't have eaten those sharp steak bones, though. My stomach doesn't really feel too good. I sure don't understand why they get so upset about my spreading their garbage around. They were throwing it out anyway!

Down to Brenscombs next, minding my own business, digging some new holes in their garden, when these kids come by. Well, it looked like they wanted to play so I joined them in a game of fetch and keep away. Well, when that redheaded kid tried to take my stick away I bit him, and bit him good! Serves him right. But when they all started screaming and hollering I took off. And a good thing, too.

'Cause just about then the man from animal control(they don't like to be called dog catchers anymore) showed up. And, I'll tell you, when that guy gets you it's "go to jail, go directly to jail, do not pass go!" And me with out a dog tag.

Well, I gave him the slip again and decided it was about time to head for home.

And that's when I met this nut in a car. I had to cross the road and it wasn't my fault that he couldn't get out of the way, driving his dumb carin the ditch! I've got as much right on the road as he has, so I don't know why he got so excited about it!

Well, by now I figure I had better get home before my folks worry that I might have gotten into trouble. Besides, my stomach is starting to really feel bad. And that buckshot doesn't feel very good either.

I wander into my backyard sort of casual and they say, "Oh, you're back. Did you have a nice little walk?"

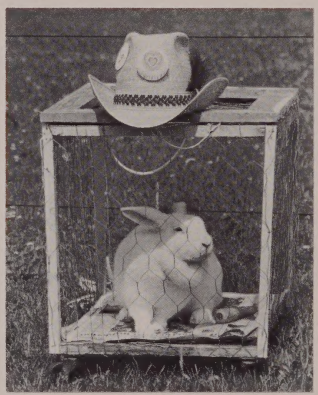
Oh, if they only knew!

Reprinted from Today's Animal News

Below: Judges Arthur Slade, Arthur Penny and Earl Wentzel pose with Best of Show winner Nicolas Moto-Cat and owner Nick Yoder.

A PARADE OF 1982 PET SHOW WINNERS

The League's 30th Annual Pet Show brought an outstanding gathering of young people and pets to Nye Baseball Park in North Falmouth, Saturday, July 31, to vie for prizes in an event held each year to encourage and recognize proper care and appreciation of pets.



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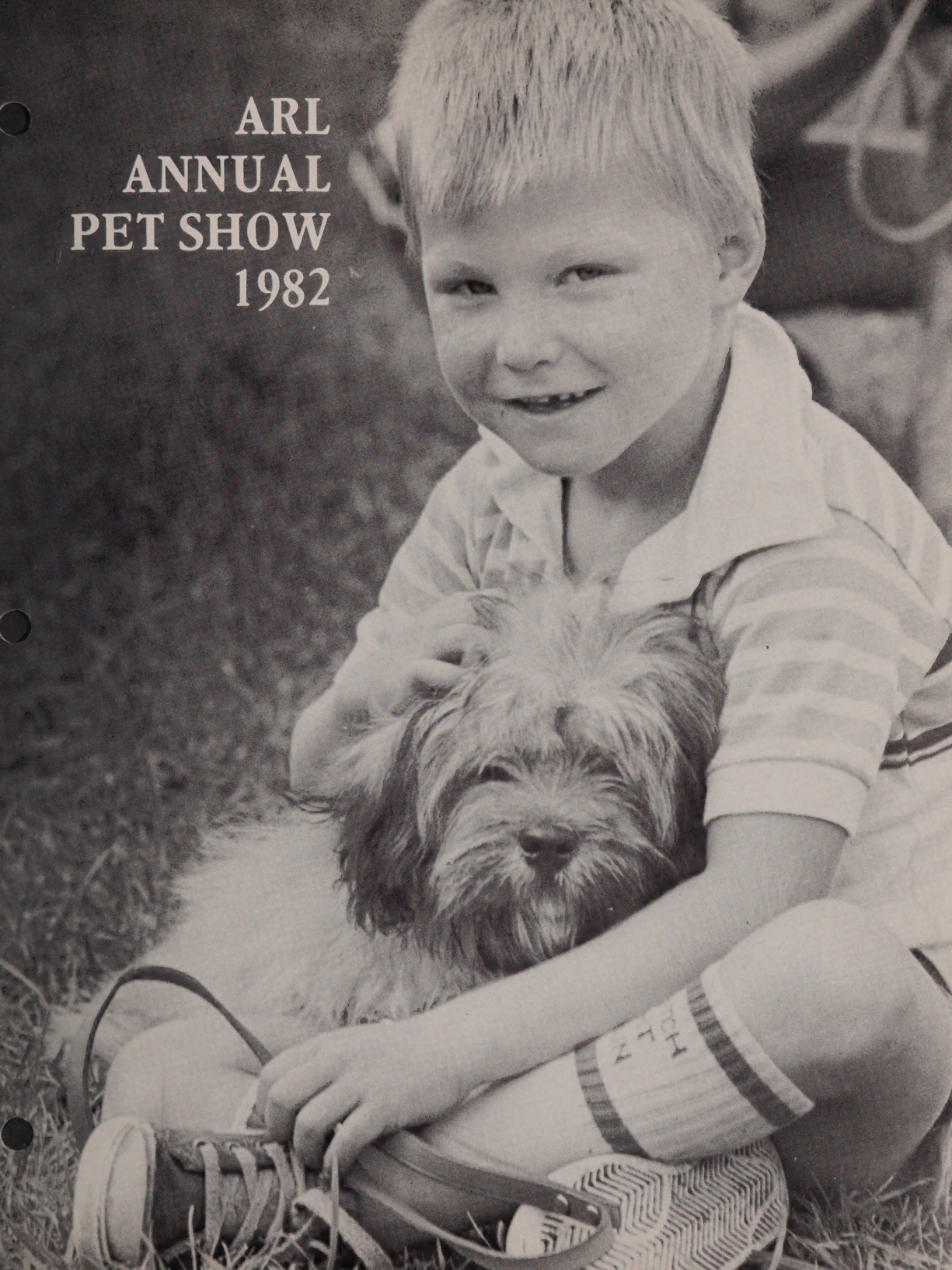

ANIMAL FRIENDS SUMMER SCHOOL

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by Sarah A. Greenhalgh

I used to feel self-conscious when I told my college friends that I was working in a place called the Animal Friends Summer School. The most common reaction was a quizzical stare and a polite smile; the name didn't seem to fit in the roster of country clubs, camps and resorts that filled my old red address book as my friends and I said good-bye for the summer. Looking back now on two special summers as Farm Director at the Animal Rescue League's Cape Cod day camp, I marvel at the aptness of the name.

The big wooden camp sign was still in storage on the rainy day last June when I arrived in Cataumet; I nearly missed the turn and drove past the silent cluster of red buildings. That first week was spent stocking the farm and preparing the camp for a special one-week session of students from the Mackey Middle School in Boston. The inner-city "campers" were offered a variety of classes including Marine and Wildlife Ecology, Pet Care, Farm Life, Puppetry, Photography and Group Adventures. With their boundless enthusiasm and interest in everything from the Hereford cow and calf down to the fiddler crabs on the beach, the Mackey kids may have taught us as much about appreciating the lives around us as we tried to teach them.

Early in July, "Animal Friends Camp" (as the kids called it) began the first of two three-week sessions, offering classes to first through third graders in the morning and fourth through eighth graders in the afternoon. Macrame, Drama, Horses and Dog Obedience were added to the list of classes available during these sessions; campers chose one class for each of the three (or six!) weeks.

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Each class explored a different aspect of our precious relationship with the lives we share our world with. Careful husbandry and harvest of food from farm and sea, the responsibilities and rewards of horse and pet ownership and the delicate balance between wild - and human life; bird houses in woodshop, plant holders in macrame, photographs to share our world with others; animate birds made of styrofoam and string - my memories of camp are a collage of life and love that elude a more concise description.

"SUMMER SCHOOL"

The swish of a ball through a hoop, the plastic crack of wiffle ball meeting bat and the metallic chimes of a ringer were as much a part of the sounds of the summer as the bleating of a goat and the drone of a Boston Whaler's engine. Our lessons broke out of wintry classrooms to encompass group games and activities as well as special events by staff members and guests from outside the camp. Favorite programs included a singer of sea chanties, a visit from the Trailside Museum, a slide-show tour of Plimouth Plantation and a closing day appearance by Smokey the Bear (courtesy of the Bourne Fire Department).

Each session included a Saturday morning Parent's Day pro-

When I first went to the Animal Rescue League's Animal Friends School I didn't know if it was going to be fun. But when I got there it was really, really fun. The counselors are nice and friendly. I made friends with some of them too.

The classes I took were just the best. Farm Animals was really neat and so was my counselor Sarah. I think the best part was brushing and walking the goats and sheep.

Horses was wonderful and Laura was so nice. We got to ride Frosty we groomed him and learned the proper names of the parts of him.

Photography is interesting too. We learned how to take pictures, wrap up the film and how to develop it. All the classes I took were really great.

My brothers loved Animal Friends School too. My brother Josh liked Horses the best. My other brother Rick liked Pet Care the best. Already all three of us are picking out what courses we want to take next summer.

By
Aimee Eggleston 8 yrs old

gram, featuring demonstrations and talks from each class followed by an open house session. Each Parent's Day concluded with a ceremony in which two outstanding campers were awarded the Dethloff Award, given in memory of former Animal Rescue League president Walter J. Dethloff. Amy Cheney and Jason Arnone were this year's first session recipients; second session recipients were Pamela Buttrick and Liam Craig.

At summer's end my address book reads like a world atlas. The big wooden sign is back in the storeroom, and the only sound in the empty farmyard is the echo of a bob-white's call. My memories may fade with my T-shirts and sweatshirt, but the emblem will stay with me always. What is the Animal Friends Summer School? The name says it all...

Central to the success of the summer camp program is the motivation and enthusiasm delivered by our staff. This summer we were very happy to have the author, Sarah Greenhalgh, back at the camp's farm. As a counselor she is a skilled leader with a natural talent for teaching. Sarah's love for animals is contagious and her friendship offers an opportunity to share a view of our living environment that reflects deep moral reasoning and an untiring dedication to humanitarian principles. For these reasons, she well deserved the 1982 Florence E. Buttrick Award presented to her on August 7, 1982. The League wishes Sarah the best of success as she begins pursuing her Masters Degree in Animal Science at Cornell University.

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Betty White heads Morris Animal Foundation

Photo by David Yamada, The Honolulu Advertiser

BETTY WHITE HEADS MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION

Television personality Betty White Ludden - best known for her role as Sue Ann Nivens in the Mary Tyler Moore Show - has been elected president of the Morris Animal Foundation in Englewood, Col., a nonprofit organization which sponsors studies into diseases and health problems of pets.

"Animals are my real work and television is my hobby," explains Miss White, who once co-hosted the syndicated series, the Pet Set, which featured celebrities and their pets, and also had a daily radio show, "Betty White on Pets." She has produced a number of benefit shows for animals, has been a trustee and vice president of Morris Animal Foundation for the past nine years, and is a former member of the board of directors of the American Humane Association.

LEAGUE TO HOLD ANNUAL FAIR

The Animal Rescue League of Boston will hold its Annual Fair, Thursday, October 28, 1982, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at League headquarters, corner of Arlington and Tremont Streets in Boston. The Fair will feature a variety of gift items, homemade foods and antiques, plus special demonstrations throughout the day (see ad on back cover). Co-chairpersons for the Fair are Mrs. George M. Cushing and Mrs. Jeffrey Marshall. Members of the committee include Mrs. Alexander H. Bright, Miss Doris Bryant, Mrs. Keistutis P. Devenis, Mrs. Charles L. Hibbard, Jr., Mrs. Franklin J. Lane, Jr., Mrs. Max L. LeRoyer, Mrs. William A. McKibben, Mrs. Everett H. Rhodes, Mrs. Clyde W. Robinson, Mrs. Robert M. Shanklin, and Mrs. Arthur Slade.

LEAGUE CARES FOR BIRDS FOUND IN GAMING RAID

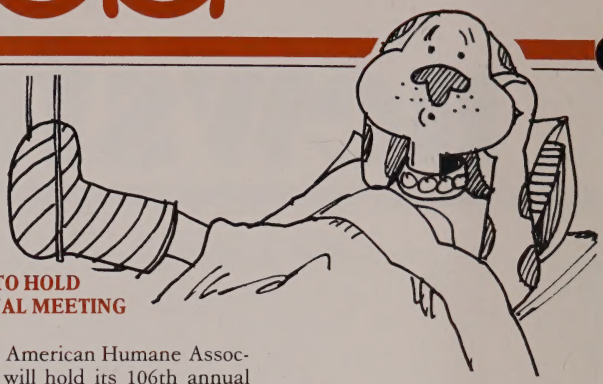
A police raid this summer on a home in Roxbury led to the discovery of gaming equipment and 68 birds, including lice-ridden, diseased roosters, chickens, baby chicks and ducks. The building's occupant, Rudolpho Rivera, was tried in Roxbury court and found guilty of cruelty to animals. He was fined $300 to be paid to the League as restitution for the cost of caring for the birds, which were turned over to the League by the court. The roosters were presumed to have been used as fighting cocks, and ducks are often used as bait to train fighting cocks. Those birds that were not severely diseased were placed in homes in Milton and Norwell.

SEMINAR ON FIRST AID FOR ANIMALS

A seminar dealing with injuries to domesticated animals, especially dogs and cats, will be held Saturday, October 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Mount Ida Junior College in Newton Centre, Mass. Diane Tracey, the instructor, is the Animal Health Technology Chairperson at the College, and topics will include CPR, wounds, internal and external injuries, and reproductive problems. The cost is $35 and further information is available by calling 969-7665.

POUND SEIZURE BILL STILL PENDING

The League has appealed to all its members to help repeal the law which sends unclaimed, lost pets from animal pounds to research laboratories. House Bill 6539 (formerly H-1141) was passed by the Massachusetts House of Representatives and has received preliminary approval in the Senate. As this magazine goes to press, it is in the Senate's Committee on Third Readings. It is important to write to your State Senator and Governor King at the State House, Boston, Mass. 02133, to urge this bill's passage into law.



AHA TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The American Humane Association will hold its 106th annual meeting, October 21-23, in Denver, Colorado. In a series of workshops and panel discussions, members will examine a variety of current issues facing animal care and control agencies. Keynote speaker will be Representative Patricia Schroeder of Colorado, who has introduced a bill into Congress that would amend the existing Animal Welfare Act, which sets strict standards for the care, transportation and housing of animals used for research, testing, teaching, biologic production or exhibition. Representative Schroeder's amendment would extend those standards to rats and mice, which account for 70 percent of research animals but are currently excluded from the Act.

RECORD HEARTWORM REPORT FROM RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island's rapidly multiplying mosquito population caused what the Boston Globe referred to as a "near-epidemic of deadly canine heartworm," this summer. Roger A. LeBrun, a University of Rhode Island pathologist and entomologist, said one sampling of mosquitoes in South Kingston found 30 percent carrying the parasitic worm. "This figure is staggering - ten times higher than ever reported in the literature we have available," he said.

CARRIER PIGEONS AID AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

At the suggestion of a laboratory employee who saw the feats of carrier pigeons demonstrated on television, Lockheed, the giant aerospace corporation, has been using messenger pigeons since last December to transport blueprint negatives between a research lab in the Santa Cruz Mountains and the main plant in Sunnyvale, Calif. "We are roughly 20 miles away as the crow flies, but 55 miles by car," said chemist Werner Deeg, according to a recent Associated Press report. "We don't want to provide an image that a company in our position with all our technology has to rely on pigeons, but as it turns out it's so trouble-free and so cheap there is no reason to drop it."

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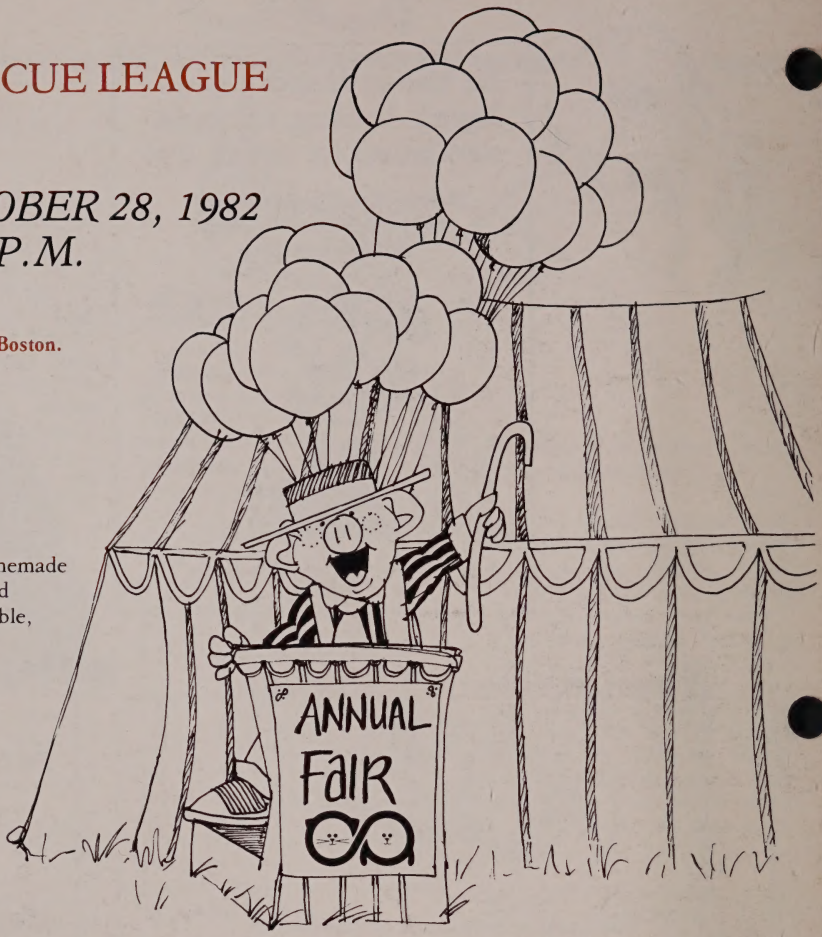

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